

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

GENERAL

SHOOTING RANGE HOURS:

HOURS ARE PRINTED ON THE BACK SIDE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

ALL EARLY STARTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FARM: MONDAY– SATURDAY 10 AM - SUNSET, SUNDAY 12:30 – SUNSET.

INDOOR RANGE: MONDAY – SATURDAY 8AM – MIDNIGHT. SUNDAY 12 PM
– MIDNIGHT.

When using any of the outdoor ranges, remember to police your brass or hulls and pick up all trash and place in dumpster by barn. Long handled magnetic pick-up sticks are available

Maintenance ideas are needed for all shooting disciplines and should be submitted to the following e-mail address: tdscinquire@gmail.com

FARM

Look for the details in our Email Blasts. Updates will be posted soon.

ENTRANCE GATE

Beginning July 1, 2020, a Key Card will be required to access Club property. It is the same Key Card currently used to enter the clubhouse. If you already have a Key Card, then no further action is required. If you do not currently possess a Key Card, you must obtain one prior to July 1st or you will be unable to access Club property.

Prior to July 1, the gate will automatically open at 9 am Monday through Saturday and at 11 am on Sunday. On July 1, a member's card will be able to open the gate and the club house 1 hour prior to the club's opening schedule.

To obtain your Key Card, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope, including a check to:

Bob Waite
326 Crisswell Rd.
Butler, PA 16002

Please include your 2020 membership number and contact information. The yearly fee for the Key Card is \$10.00. Please make your checks payable to TDSC.

TRAP

Trap Practice is on Mondays at 5pm. To open and close trap fields using target tag system see Clays committee for details. Trap machines require special training and you must work closely with the Clays committee to prove you are ready to go on your own. This may take multiple lessons. You must schedule the appointments by emailing Ray Arch.

MILITARY Rifle Match

There will be a Military Rifle match August 2nd, 2020 starting at 10:30 AM.

INDOOR PISTOL

The indoor range is open.

The Tarentum pistol team participates in the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Police Revolver League. The name is a little misleading because no one in the league shoots a revolver.

Outdoor Pistol

The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Pistol League has started. We will be using the outdoor pistol range every Wednesday evening from 5 PM till dusk. At this point in the season the Tarentum team is in first place in both the .22 and Center Fire

catagories.

3-GUN

The next 3 gun event is scheduled for August 16th, depending on weather and range conditions. – Dick Edder

Skeet

PSSA 2020 Registered Skeet Shoots—<https://www.pssa.com/pssa-scheduled-shoots>

Registered Skeet Shoots:

Monday September 7, 2020

We will be using all 3 skeet fields from 10 to approximately 5 PM. Must be a NSSA member to shoot these events.

5-Stand and Trap will be closed during these events.

<https://myNSSA.NSSA-NSCA.org/membership/enroll-renew-membership/>

Congratulations to TDSC Shooters: A strong showing from TDSC members at the Bull Run Skeet Open last weekend in Manassas, VA. Mike Rykaczewski Jr.- runner up in 12 gauge with a 100, and 3rd overall HOA with 391/400. Josh Crofutt - gun champ in 20 gauge with a 100, and Mike Rykaczewski Sr.- 3rd in 20 gauge with a 99. Great shooting TDSC!!!

5 Stand

SPORTING CLAYS

Our new Sporting Clay course is open! The new course is now a registered NSCA course. It has 4 new stations, more open shooting lanes, new drainage, improved roads, improved station pads, and 10 new traps with a variety of target presentations.

Because of the limited number of golf carts, please only use 1 cart per squad and

always 4 shooters per cart. Also, remember to pick up your hulls and trash.

To all shooters using the sporting clays course. Our course requires workers during the week, during shooting hours to perform maintenance. If you get to the course and the workers are in the field, **Shooters Must Always** unload and yield to the workers filling or repairing the traps or cutting grass in the field area. All guns must be unloaded, and muzzles pointed in a safe direction, away from the workers. Never push the pull cord buttons that release the targets until the worker has left the field area. (this goes for the whole course, i.e. you can't shoot station 2 if the workers are on station 4). If stations are not working, it might be that the workers have it disconnected while work is under way. **NEVER** reconnect a machine that has been disconnected for repair or maintenance. This work is necessary to keep the course in working order, so PLEASE keep the safety of everyone in mind.

MISC. INFORMATION

Want approved to operate all Shooting fields? See a Clays Committee member or the Club Manager for details. Look on the chalk board in club house for a list of approved members. Please get approval before you open or load targets, safety first.

Need help with LongRange Target Card systems or want directions emailed to you? See a Clays Committee Member or the Club Manager.

Look for the LongRange Kiosk inside the club house. Need help using it? See a Clays Committee member or the Club Manager for details.

Want up to the second news and access to stored files? Join our Tarentum District Sportsmen's Group on Facebook. See this

link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/141227319923341>

This group is for TDSC members and Family only. We hope the posts help everyone understand what kind of activities we are planning at the club. Look at the "Events" and "Files". You can help by "Posting" when you are there or planning to be there. Post images and positive comments about activities too.

Clays Committee is notifying all members and especially those who are approved to open and close the following: Kindly understand our club is managed by you alone and by other volunteers so please step up and lend a helping hand from time to time.

This is how you can help!

All Skeet / Trap Fields are now managed and maintained by the appointed "Clays Committee member's" and all members who decide they can help too. Everyone's support is appreciated.

So please help the committee when you are at the club. Pitch in when you can is all we are asking. This is a good starting point for us to follow.

1. When you turn on Traps.

- If you are capable: Carry Targets up the steps inside the high houses and stack beside the trap.
- If you are capable: Take a box of targets from storage to the bench beside the low house trap
- Pick up the broom and sweep the floor to the front door and dust plan the mess into the trash can.
 - Sweep broken targets from Pad 1 and Pad 7 off the pads

2. When you load the Traps.

- Take the empty boxes to the burn box south of the elite field.

3. If you are shooting a Semi-automatic or eject shells onto the ground

- **Pick up your shells!**

4. Everyone remind fellow members to follow these 3 simple rules.

Need help? Contact us by email.

Clays Committee:

- Mike Rykaczewski Sr – Clays Director mryka472@gmail.com
 - Jerry McCullough – Shoot Mgr./NSSA-NSCA
rep– mccullough.jerry1@gmail.com
 - Ray Arch – Trap – raylaurie@verizon.net
 - Josh Crofutt – GTSL – joshcrofutt@yahoo.com
 - Tony Bucciero– Sporting Clays - abucciero@gcmsi.com
- Ernie Anderson- Skeet & 5 Stand andersonernie@hotmail.com
 - Bob Waite – Club Manager - bigbob0402@gmail.com

To report any problems please contact the appropriate committee member or Bob Waite at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

News and Notes:

Please pay attention to club shooting hours. We must adhere to posted hours that the club and township supervisors have agreed upon.

Remember, automatic firearms are not allowed at the ranges along with bump stocks and free-fire triggers.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Please Note: It is the responsibility for all shooters to pick up their empty hulls when your shooting session is finished. If everyone does this, the ranges will remain neat and clean.

This note applies to the pistol and rifle range as well. We have noticed a large amount of brass and steel casing left in the grass at both ranges. It doesn't take much effort to bend over and pick up after shooting. There is a magnetic stick at the rifle range to aid in picking up steel casings.

From the Club Manager: We put a lot of work and effort to restore the grass on the Elite Field. Please stay off the grass so it can establish a good root system, especially in the dry weather. There is a nice concrete walk and

pads to stand on. If shooters can't stay off the grass the club may be forced into shutting down the field until further notice. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Bob Waite is our club manager. Bob will be around the club to help with any equipment issues, approve members to open and close skeet and 5 stand, issue target cards, and help keep TDSC a great and safe place to shoot. Please contact

Bob with any issues that come up. He can be reached at 724-822-8594 or

at bigbob0402@gmail.com

INDOOR/OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE CONSTRUCTION:

Site excavation is well underway for the new range. We will keep you updated with pictures and details as they become available.